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SENATE RESOLUTION 204
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Fannie Mae Pasley
Patton on the celebration of her one-hundredth
birthday

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Mae Pasley Patton celebrated her one-hundredth birthday on February 25, 2002, an occasion that was commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, a resident of South Memphis for most of her life, Mrs. Patton is a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community and this State; and

WHEREAS, the beloved daughter of Ezekiel and Hester Pasley, she was born in Como, Mississippi; growing up, she enjoyed the love and companionship of her seven brothers and two sisters; and

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WHEREAS, Fannie Mae Pasley Patton moved to Memphis in 1929 and married her sweetheart, Willie Patton, who is now deceased; the Pattons were blessed with five delightful children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Patton served with distinction as an employee of the Memphis Steam Laundry Cleaners, and later Federal Compress, where she retired; and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of the South Memphis Senior Citizens in excess of fifty years and has participated in numerous activities and has traveled extensively with this group of people; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Mae Pasley Patton has demonstrated tremendous artistic ability in the medium of ceramics; her remarkable works grace the homes of people throughout this country and her enthusiasm has encouraged many individuals to become involved in ceramics; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious citizen, Mrs. Patton has been actively involved in politics and hosted a banquet in her home for retired Congressman Harold Ford, Sr. in the late 1980s; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Mother Tootie" by her family and many friends, she has been a faithful member of the Harris Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for over sixty years; the oldest living member of the church, she has astutely served on the Missionary Board and is a current member of the Stewardess (Mother) Board and the former President; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Fannie Mae Pasley Patton has made her home a haven of joy and beauty; a women of great virtue, she has instilled in her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, her great-great-grandchildren, her new great-great-great-grandchild, as well as her nieces and nephews, strong Christian morals and values, encouraging them to attend their school classes and church meetings; and

WHEREAS, although her family is spread across this county, Mrs. Patton is a source of great love and support for her six generations of descendents in times of crisis and joy; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has distinguished herself as a woman of the utmost integrity, character, and faith; a wonderful human being, she is an inspiration to all who know her; and

WHEREAS, it is the pleasure of this General Assembly at the tenth decade of Fannie Mae Pasley Patton's life to honor her benevolent and steadfast service to her family, community, and this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Fannie Mae Pasley Patton on the celebration of her one-hundredth birthday, recognize her life of gracious service and goodwill, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.